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Selectmen's Minutes 02/14/2005

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Meetings
 Monday, February 14, 2005
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Chair, Mr. Hurd, Vice-Chair, *Mr. Lyons, Mr. Greeley, and Mrs. Dias.

Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Krepelka.

*Mr. Lyons continued with the Budget & Revenue Task Force Meeting until 7:30 p.m. at which time he joined the Selectmen's Meeting.

1. NStar Petition – W.O. #1396302

743 Mass. Ave. – to provide electric service to 10 new 2-unit buildings.

(all abutters notified)

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

FOR APPROVAL

2. Minutes of Meeting: January 31, 2005

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-0-1)

Mr. Greeley abstained due to his absence at the 1-31-05 meeting.

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

3. Appointment: New Election Worker

Karen A. O'Connor, 68 Waverley St., Pct. 16, U

Warren L. Adam, 25 Williams St., Pct. 21, U

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

4. Reappointment: Comptroller/Coordinator Data Processing

Ruth Lewis

(term to expire 3/1/07)

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

5. Request: Food Vendor License

Bradford P. Chapman, Jr. & Edward Shaw d/b/a Movies on A Menu, 148 Mass. Ave.

Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to conditions set forth.

SO VOTED (4-0)

6. Request: Change of Corporation/LLC

Ricardo Ramos, Zocalo, LLC d/b/a Zocalo Cocina Mexicana, 203A Broadway
Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

7. Request: Change of D/B/A

Ricardo Ramos, Zocalo, LLC d/b/a Zocalo Cocina Mexicana, 203A Broadway
Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

8. Request: Change of Hours

Ricardo Ramos, Zocalo, LLC d/b/a Zocalo Cocina Mexicana, 203A Broadway
Mr. Ramos and the Selectmen discussed the hours and agreed upon the following:
Sunday 9:00am-9pm,
Monday – Saturday 7:00am-10:00pm
Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

NO CITIZENS OPEN FORUM9. Request: Use of Publicity Board-Patriots' Day Parade, 4/8/05-4/18/05

William F. McCarthy, Vice Chair, Patriots' Day Parade Committee
Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

10. Request: Use of Publicity Board-Arlington Human Rights Commission, 5/9/05-5/17/05

William Shea, AHRC
Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

11. Discussion: Board of Survey Policies and Procedures

John F. Maher, Town Counsel

Mrs. Dias stated she would like to see future Board of Survey hearings to include a schematic showing exactly where the road is being requested in relation to the land.

Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

Correspondence Received

John F. Maher Board of Survey Policies and Procedures Be Rec'd
Town Counsel

Jane Lyman 2004 Annual Consumer Complaint Form Be Rec'd
Comcast

Robert Kuhn Overnight Parking Ban Be Rec'd
Darcy Devney

110 Thorndike St.

Mr. Hurd stated that the letter by Mr. Kuhn and Mrs. Devney regarding keeping the existing parking ban had some very good points to why the remaining ban should exist.

Mr. Greeley responded that many of the surrounding communities have only a three (3) month parking ban. He suggested Arlington should try, on a trial basis, parking on the streets in the summertime. Mr. Greeley referred this issue of a possible trial to the Parking Sub-Committee.

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Krepelka proposed a plan to consolidate voter locations, changing five (5) precincts in a cost saving measure. The changes proposed are:

- Pct. 3 moved to Thompson School (old location: Fox Library)
- Pct. 6 moved to Hardy School (old location: Gibbs Jr. High)
- Pct. 7 moved to Chestnut Manor (old location: Gibbs Jr. High)
- Pct. 14 moved to Brackett School (old location: Highland Fire Station)
- Pct. 17 moved to Stratton School (old location: Highland Fire Station)

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Sullivan reported that the budget might be impacted by the loss of CDBG Funds. There are lots of concern regarding this, and he will be monitoring this over the next few months.

Mr. Hurd announced that the deadline for receiving resumes for the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) opening is tomorrow, February 15, 2005.

Mr. Lyons expressed his concern over possibly losing CDBG Funds from the government and reported it would be a major loss of \$1.5 million dollars used for programs such as; Dial-A-Ride, expanding affordable housing, park restorations. He said on March 15, 2005 there would be about 3,000 officials that will descend upon Capitol Hill to convince the lawmakers that CDBG must stay. Mr. Lyons urged Mr. Sullivan to get information on an 8 ½ by 11-inch paper from Kevin O'Brien on how this program assists poor and moderate-income people of Arlington and how it helps expand development especially in business districts. He also stressed that for every one dollar of CDBG money spent, eleven dollars of private monies are spent. Mr. Lyons also requested that the Board send a letter to Rep. Markey, Senators Kerry and Kennedy regarding loss of CDBG Funds.

Mr. Lyons made a motion to send a letter outlining the impact of CDBG Funds.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon announced the Patriot's Day Parade needs volunteers and asked people to contact Joe Marshall at his home, 781-648-0062 or the Selectmen's Office, 781-316-3020.

Mrs. Mahon asked when the next Town Day Meeting will be held? Mrs. Krepelka stated that the first 2005 Town Day Meeting will be on Thursday, February 24, 2005, in the Selectmen's Chambers at 5:30 P.M.

Mr. Hurd asked if Joe Marshall could be an agenda item at the next meeting so he could request that the parade be expanded or rotate to include East Arlington.

Mr. Hurd announced the church's time frame of February 15th, 2005 for offers on the parishes that closed. He is anxious to see the offers and have Arlington get involved. Mr. Lyons agreed and asked Mr. Sullivan to get outside expertise, using CDBG Funds, to get involved with the Archdiocesan during the negotiation process.

Mrs. Mahon recognized Mr. John O'Neil, 10 Foster Street, so that he could ask a question.

Mr. O'Neill asked who's the landlord of the Symmes property and what happens to the development with Lahey pulling the medical offices off the hill?

The Selectmen and Mr. Maher answered him that the Town of Arlington is the landlord and that the Town has a land disposition agreement with Fish, but not a Purchase and Sale on the Symmes property. Lahey has indicated that they do not wish to expand

their medical facilities so Arlington will put out notice to all medical facilities of the opening. Lahey will have to find another place as of April 8th, 2005 and the Town will seek another medical provider for the space. If no other provider can be found than the Symmes project will have to go back before Town Meeting to change zoning. The Board is very satisfied with Fish's efforts to provide medical development on the Symmes property.

Mr. Hurd made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

A True Record: Attest:

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator